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IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT DUE TO DISINVESTMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unemployment has increased due to disinvestment and closure of small scale industries; and

(b) if so, the action taken to generate more employment opportunities for the welfare of employees?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

a) National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) survey results for the year 1993-94 and 1999-2000 show a marginal increase in unemployment as per usual status approach. The increase is primarily due to the fact that the growth of employment in the economy was not in tune with the growth of labour force.

b) Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period. Out of these, nearly 3 crore employment opportunities will be created in the normal growth process and remaining 2 crore through special employment generation programmes in the labour intensive sectors with special emphasis on agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises, information communication technology, tourism and other services.